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do not belong to the educationally Backward Classes, preference is to be given to a candidate whose father and grand-father have had no education. Beyond these facilities, there is no other special consideration shown."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is the 25 per cent reservation observed in the case of candidates who belong to the Backward Classes? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, 15 per cent for Scheduled Classes and 25 per cent for candidates belonging to the socially and educationally Backward Classes."

Bed-strength in the Chirala Hospital.

* 49 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to increase the bed-strength of Chirala Hospital during this year?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the representation made by the local people, will the Government consider the question of increasing the bed-strength of the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The daily average attendance of in-patients does not show any need for extension."

The Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur.

* 50 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government sealed the Metal Industries, Limited, Shoranur and Lakkidi;

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take to re-open the same; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers of the above factory regarding their arrears of wages, etc., and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Government have attached these properties under the Revenue Recovery Act.

" (*b*) The Government do not propose to take any steps to re-open the factory under their own management at the present moment.

" (*c*) (i) No, Sir.

(ii) Does not arise."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know since how many months the concern has stopped work? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The properties have been attached from 6th December 1952."